

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 234.6, the Department of Human Services proposes to amend Chapter 156, "Payments for Foster Care and Foster Parent Training," Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment increases basic reimbursement rates for foster family care as directed by 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2425, section 32(4). This increase maintains the rates at 65 percent of the USDA estimate of the cost to raise a child in 2007, in compliance with Iowa Code section 234.38. By reference, these amounts are also the maximum payments allowed for foster care supervised apartment living maintenance payments, adoption subsidy maintenance payments, and guardianship subsidy payments.

This amendment does not provide for waivers in specified situations, since a rate increase benefits the providers affected. Requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department's general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

This amendment was also Adopted and Filed Emergency and is published herein as **ARC 6906B**. The purpose of this Notice is to solicit comment on that submission, the subject matter of which is incorporated by reference.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendment on or before July 23, 2008. Comments should be directed to Mary Ellen Imlau, Bureau of Policy Analysis and Appeals, Department of Human Services, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114. Comments may be sent by fax to (515)281-4980 or by E mail to policyanalysis@dhs.state.ia.us.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 234.35 and 234.38 and 2008 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2425, section 32.